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## THE ROLL OF HONOR BANK

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## GAVELS PRESENTED JAMES D. BLACK AND F. D. SAMPSON IN COURT ROOM SATURDAY

As was announced the gavels that were procured by the Sunday Schools of the city through the suggestion and efforts of Dr. C. A. Bromley, pastor of the First M. E. Church, were presented Saturday morning at the Courthouse at motion hour. Lieutenant Governor Black, having come home on Friday, those in charge thought it more fitting that he should be presented the gavel here than at Frankfort. So at 9:15 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Ligon pastor of the First Christian Church presented to Judge Sampson the gavel in the following words:

Judge Sampson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a common fault of mankind to postpone saying anything good about our friends until after they are dead. Homer, the blind poet of antiquity, recited his ballads from town to town and begged his bread from door to door. He lived a mendicant and died in obscurity and neglect; but he left behind him an imperishable monument in the excellent literary work he had produced. Long after his death his name became famous. Men began to appreciate his work. Then seven cities contended for the honor of being his birth place.

"Seven Greek cities vied for Homer dead, through which the living Homer begged his bread."

Sir (addressing Judge Sampson) from the day that you assumed the duties of the high and honorable position which you fill, till now, your friends and neighbors have watched your course as an official; and so well pleased have they been that they are not willing to wait longer before expressing their appreciation of you. They have been highly gratified at your firm stand for law and order, for temperance and sobriety, for civic righteousness and clean politics; and they have decided to express their approval of your official conduct by presenting to you a small gift. I hold in my hand a gavel, made of the purest ivory, banded with silver and properly inscribed. I am to place this in your hand. It comes to you from no political party and from no religious denomination, but from your own townspeople, irrespective of faith or creed. It is not presented to you because of its intrinsic value but as an expression of appreciation and esteem from your home people. The different Sunday schools of the town

have contributed to purchase this gift, and it is presented with confident assurance that it will be wielded in the interest of justice and right. It is a suitable memento to be handed down to your posterity, and one that your descendants, a hundred years from now can, with pride, exhibit to their friends.

And when the time comes for you to lay down the duties and responsibilities of the exalted station which you now fill, and your successor is inducted into office, it is our wish and expectation that he may find your official record as clean and spotless as this piece of polished ivory, which, in the name of the Sunday-schools of Barbourville, I now have the honor to present to you. (Here Brother Ligon placed in Judge Sampson's hand the gavel; Judge Sampson rising to his feet and bowing thankfully.)

Judge Sampson in response spoke as follows:

Bro. Ligon, Ladies and Gentlemen:-

This is indeed a beautiful gavel; but what Brother Ligon has said, speaking for the Sunday schools and for my neighbors and friends, looks better and sounds better to me than any gavel, or ring of any gavel that could possibly be presented to me; my friends, this is a great surprise and I do not know how to express myself. This is indeed a happy occasion for me.

I want to say, now, to the Sunday schools and churches and other good people of this community and this district, that I hope I may, by the help of God, be able to so wield this gavel as to bring about law and order; to promote the welfare of the citizenship of this country, to advance Christianity, education and morals; and so help me God. I will undertake to do that.

I wish I had words to express my gratitude to you, Brother Ligon, and your Sunday school and other Sunday schools and churches of this part of the country; if I did, I would like to talk while I hold this gavel. And when I use it in this Court, or elsewhere in the District I hope its ring (there demonstrating) will strike terror to the evil-doer and criminal, and will inspire confidence in the innocent and law-abiding citizen and teach him that he may find in the Courthouse, the place where we are supposed to gather for the adjustment of our difficulties

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## A Bank Account

Gives you a substantial standing in your community. Enables you to take advantages of opportunities for making money.

Makes you independent.

Your earnings get into the bank sooner or later whether you put them there or not.

If you spend all you make somebody else deposits your money.

Why not do your own banking?

Put away a certain amount each month and it will astonish you to see your dimes grow into dollars.

## This Bank

Pays 3% interest on time deposits.

Loans money on approved security.

Has safety deposit boxes that are fire, proof to rent you to keep your valuable papers in.

Come in and see our WONDERFUL NEW MACHINE that will post your checks, record your deposit, subtract one from the other and give your balance. THIS IS A WONDER.

Our capital and surplus is now more than \$60,000.00 assets \$400,000.00, stockholders worth more than \$2,500,000. You are always welcome to our institution. come in.

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF JOHN A. BLACK**

H. B. CLARK, Cashier. W. R. LAY, Acting Pres.

### "Watch Your Step."

Barbourville, Ky.,

January 31, 1916.

Hon. W. H. McDonald, Editor, Mountain Advocate, City.

Dear Sir:-

The writer's attention was called to a statement you made editorially, in your last issue, which the residents of Allison Avenue and those living on Knox Street between College Street and Allison Avenue, consider a very huge joke. The statement was this:

"It has been reported that there is a bad hole near the Depot on Depot Street. We have not seen Mayor Wilson yet to ask him any questions about it, but we will bet a red necktie that as soon as he sees it he will at once have said mudhole fixed. He is wide-awake as well as the rest of the board of councilmen, and they are not going to let a little mudhole get to be an impassible pond in the middle of the street."

It is not the intention of the writer to criticize the honorable Mayor or the Board of Councilmen, but as Chairman of the Business Men's League, I feel it my duty to call their attention to the condition of Knox Street and Allison Avenue, two streets over which there is more travel, when they are not impassible, than any street in our little city. Practically no work has been done on Allison Avenue since it was graded during your administration as Street Commissioner, and today it is about all a 'stiked' mule team can do to drag an empty wagon from the intersection of Depot Street and Allison Avenue to the brickyard. Besides the mud, water is standing all along the way of a sufficient depth to drown a child should it be so unfortunate as to fall off the sidewalk.

There are two things that can be done, one is to drain and macadamize the street, and the other is to erect a fence along the sidewalk so that children and other may not fall in and get

that these suggestions be of some help to the Mayor and City Council

in their efforts to improve the city.

I am, very truly,

J. A. McDermott, Chairman, Business Men's League.

### Mass Convention

Barbourville, Ky.,

January 31, 1916.

To the Republicans of Knox County

Pursuant to the Call of the Republican State Central Committee, the Republicans of Knox County are hereby called to meet in Mass Convention at the Courthouse in Barbourville, Kentucky on Saturday February 26th, 1916 at 1 o'clock P. M. Standard Time, to select 28 delegates and 28 Alternate Delegates to attend the Republican State Convention called to meet in the City of Louisville, Kentucky on Wednesday March 1st, 1916 to select four delegates, and four alternate delegates from the State at large, to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago Illinois on June 7th, 1916. At this Mass Convention 28 delegates and 28 alternate delegates will be selected to attend the 11th Congressional District Convention in London Kentucky on Tuesday February 29th 1916, for the purpose of selecting two delegates and two Alternate Delegates from the 11th Congressional District to the National Convention at Chicago. All known Republicans and those who are in sympathy with its principles are requested to attend.

John W. Hughes, Chairman Knox County Republican Committee.

B. C. Lewis, Secretary.

### Farm For Sale

A 250 acre farm 10 miles from Barbourville, Ky., one mile from Knoxfork Post Office, adjoining Knoxfork school and church. All under fence and cross fence, plenty of good stock water, about one half under timber, a good farm house and barn; also a tenant house and barn, about thirty acres in meadow grass. Price right to the man who wants a home. Call on or address,

J. A. Stanberry, or

John D. Stanberry,

Knoxfork, Ky.

ent Sunday schools of the town

### G. A. R. on Preparedness

Barbourville, Kentucky

January 24, 1916.

We, the comrades of the John G. Eve Post, No. 221, G. A. R. do agree that:

Whereas, there is so much agitation about the preparedness program of the present administration in the event of war, we, the comrades of the said Post do submit to the G. A. R. comrades of the United States of America for their consideration as to the requisite number of the standing army in time of peace the proposition that our standing army should at no time exceed the number of two hundred thousand.

We do not propose to dictate to our old comrades as to any policy they wish to pursue or express but merely to invite their attention to the important question referred to and we know that we all have a deep interest in our country's welfare and feel like they will agree with us in regard to same. Surely they have not forgotten the struggle from 1861 to 1865, when their attention is drawn to the articles now appearing in the press and to the bill in preparation and now being offered before the Congress of the United States presenting as they do conflicting views. Therefore, we invite the opinion of the Grand Army of the United States in regard to same, not only from comrades but from Posts.

We put ourselves on record as being in favor of sufficient forces in our standing army to guard our forts and our public ports. We believe the safety of our country depends more on the patriotism of the common people than in a large standing army.

We believe that the volunteer soldiers are a safer means of defense in time of war.

Whereas, we view with disfavor and distrust the proposition to raise a large standing army, as being a menace to the peace and to the patriotism of our country. We do not desire that our children and future generations should reap the fate of Rome, once a mighty republic

and great people, who were brought to wreck and ruin through the military power of the nation.

Wherefore, we request our representatives in Congress and in the United States Senate to not pass any bill that would endanger the peoples' liberties. However, we desire to put ourselves on record as being in favor of a larger navy, one sufficient to meet any emergency. We do not see why our navy should not be the strongest and best navy in the world.

Post Committee: S. F. Kelley  
A. S. Fuller  
P. D. Brittain  
Capt. William McDaniel

### Big Revival To Start

On Sunday the 18th, a revival service will begin at the Baptist Church on Main Street to last for several days. The services will be conducted by Rev. L. W. Russell pastor, assisted by the noted evangelist Sid Williams, and the singing will be under the direction of Mr. Jolly, who is said to be one of the best.

Mr. Williams is one of the greatest evangelists in the country, and it is expected that a great work will be accomplished.

Everybody is invited, and welcome to these services. The services will be held each afternoon and evening, except Sunday when services will be held at the usual hour.

### Uncle Bill Allen Ousted

Uncle Bill Allen, the Representative from Clinton, was ousted from his seat in the Legislature, Thursday morning, by the Democrat who was contesting his seat. It seems that Uncle Bill was the nominee of the Republican party, and that he failed to send his nominating papers to the Secretary of State so that his name might be printed on the official ballot, and that his name had to be written, and in this event he carried the district by a large majority.